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SUBJECT: PEKING'S REP SUPPORTS MACAU'S GOVERNOR

1. HO YIN, PEKING'S SPOKESMAN IN MACAU, HAS OPENLY THROWN HIS SUPPORT BEHIND MACAU'S PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR IN HIS DISPUTE WITH PORTUGUESE MILITARY OFFICERS THERE. IN WIDELY PUBLICIZED REMARKS TO CHINESE NEWSMAN JULY 10, HO SAID " THE GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM FOR MACAU, WHICH HAS FULL BACKING FROM LISBON IS ADEQUATE FOR US." HO'S MOVE, PROMPTED BY THE FALLING EXCHANGE RATE BETWEEN THE PATAKA AND THE STURDY HONG KONG DOLLAR. IS ALSO INTENDED AS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO LISBON OF PEKING'S CONTINUED PRESENT POLITICAL STATUS, AND OF CHINESE CONCERN TO SEE THE CURRENT MIN-CRISIS THERE ENDED. URGING CONFIDENCE IN MACAU'S FUTURE, HO CITED PLANS OF HIS ASSOCIATES TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A 100 MILLION DOLLAR CONTAINER WHARF IN MACAU.

2. HO'S REMARKS WHICH LIKE THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MACAU HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY IGNORED BY HONG KONG'S CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS, INCLUDING THE PRC OWNED PAPERS, BUT HAVE BEEN PLAYED
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UP IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEDIA, MARK THE MOST EXPLICIT SIGN OF PRC PREFERENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MACAU UNDER

ITS PRESENT GOVERNOR AND IN CONTINUATION OF THE GROUND RULES WHEREBY HO YIN SERVES AS DE FACTO GOVERNOR. THEY SUGGEST THAT EARLIER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HO AND LEANDRO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY SET ASIDE IN AN EFFORT TO QUASH THE DISPUTE RAISED BY THE MILITARY. IN ONE OF HO'S MOST TELLING REMARKS TO THE NEWSMAN, HE SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD GIVEN HIM ASSURANCE ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF RUSSIAN SPY ACTIVITIES IN MACAU, SAYING THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED. HO WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT HONG KONG WAS DOING ITS BEST TO PREVENT SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN MACAU. HO ADDED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD ALSO TOLD HIM VERY RECENTLY THAT MACAU WOULD NOT FOLLOW LISBON IN NATIONALIZING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

3. COMMENTS: IT SOUNDS LIKE HO AND THE GOVERNOR HAVE WORKED OUT A DEAL. WE SEE IN IT THE STATUS QUO, ANTI-SOVIET LINES OF PEKING'S POSITION, AND THE GOVERNORS GETS HO'S SUPPORT PERSONALLY, BUT WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHERE LISBON STANDS. HO'S REFERENCE TO HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE SOVIETS OUT SOUNDS LIKE A SIGNAL FOR HKG AND LONDON TO WEIGH IN WITH LISBON.
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